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Applicant: Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 7526

Appl. No.: 09/530,013 Group: 1651

Filed: April 24, 2000 Examiner: R. GITOMER

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES COMPRISING
CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH
MATERIALS INHIBITING THE ACTIVATION OF
SUBSTANCES DEGRADING THEM

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 5, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated February 5, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-6.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

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An extension of one (1) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on June 5, 2003. Thus a fee of \$820.00 is required to obtain an additional two (2) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$320.00

Small Entity - \$160.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,140.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

Check(s) in the amount of \$1,140.00 is/are enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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